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FYI. Maybe we should chat about it?

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Dave, Lindsay & Miranda (c: Ben)

Ecology is holding a Puget Sound Nutrient forum on April 25<sup>th</sup> - Chris Zell would have been the person from OWW who attended this meeting. In his absence, I don't believe we have assigned someone as lead on Puget Sound (although Ben has had the lead on the modeling work). How do we want to staff this project??

Laurie

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**From:** Bilhimer, Dustin (ECY) [<mailto:DBIL461@ECY.WA.GOV>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 4:05 PM  
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Good afternoon,

The Department of Ecology is starting to develop a plan to address nutrient sources in the Puget Sound. The purpose is to address the impacts of nutrients that we are seeing in the Sound, including algae blooms, increased corrosivity, and low dissolved oxygen. We are required to address the dissolved oxygen impaired waters listings under the federal Clean Water Act. This issue will become more critical as our population continues to grow, and it is important that Puget Sound stakeholders and tribes are part of the discussion and planning to address human sources of nutrients in the Sound.

My Water Quality Program Manager, Heather Bartlett, and I would like to invite you and/or other representatives from your organization to participate in a Puget Sound Nutrient Forum. The purpose of the Nutrient Forum is to bring together key stakeholders and tribes to collaboratively work through some of the issues that we must deal with as a region. This Forum marks the beginning of

the next step in the [Puget Sound Nutrient Source Reduction Project](#) which we have been talking about with stakeholders beginning last Fall 2017.

**The first Forum meeting is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm – 3:30pm, at Tukwila Community Center (12424 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Tukwila).** We anticipate that the Forum will consist of a series of meetings to be held between April 2018 and April 2019 to address nutrient reduction efforts. The Forum will also provide input to the Marine Water Quality Implementation Strategy for the Puget Sound Action Agenda that we are coordinating.

At the first meeting we will establish a governance structure for the Forum, seek input on the primary issues we have heard from stakeholders, and discuss timing and expectations for the schedule of Forum meetings over the next 12 months. Subsequent meetings will focus on understanding these issues and developing recommendations. We want your input so that we can collaboratively develop a workable and successful plan to improve water quality and protect the resiliency of Puget Sound.

Here are some of the key subject areas to help you better understand the types of issues we will want to bring to this group.

- The Puget Sound nutrient problem, and why it is critical to address and what will happen if we do nothing
- Nutrient sources and actions to address those sources
- Learn about the nutrient reduction strategies being used in other parts of the country. How are other states addressing governance, funding, point and nonpoint source management
- Identify key actions for addressing Puget Sound nutrient loads and challenges to implementing those actions (funding, etc.).

**Please respond by April 13<sup>th</sup> and let me know if you or another representative/s from your organization will be attending the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.** I will be following up in mid-April with a detailed agenda for this first meeting along with other information to help you understand the commitment of your time to participate in this Forum over the next year.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

With kind regards,

**Dustin Bilhimer, PSNSRP Project Manager**

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Puget Sound Nutrient Source Reduction Project web page:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Puget-Sound/Helping-Puget-Sound/Reducing-Puget-Sound-nutrients>